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Naples, November 29, N. S.

ON the 12th Instant Cardinal Acquaviva arrived here from Rome. On the 13th he proceeded to Portici to wait on their Majesties. On the 16th the King and Queen returned hither from Portici. On the 17th Sig. Simonetti, the Pope's Nuncio, performed the Ceremony, in Presence of their Majesties, of baptizing the Princess Royal, who was held at the Font by Cardinal Acquaviva in the Name of their Catholick Majesties; on which Occasion, and the three following Nights, there were Illuminations and publick Rejoycings. On the 24th, the Anniversary of the Queen's Birth-Day, was celebrated at Court with great Solemnity, the Foreign Ministers, Nobility and General Military Officers appearing in rich Habits to compliment their Majesties on the Occasion. The same Day Cardinal Acquaviva went to the Palace, and there, attended by the Archbishops and Bishops of the Kingdom, performed the Function, in the Royal Chapel, of presenting to the Queen the Golden Rose from the Pope. The King assisted at the Ceremony in the Choir, where the Pope's Nuncio, and other Foreign Ministers, were present; and in the Evening there were Illuminations, and a triple Discharge of the Guns of the Castles and Gallies.

Leghorn, Dec. 9. On the 6th anchored in this Port from Port-Mahon, his Britannick Majesty's Ship the Garland, Capt. Watson Commander, who, as coming directly from Port-Mahon, was denied Admittance to Pratick, and prescribed 15 Days Quarantain, notwithstanding his Declaration, that on his Passage he had not spoken with any Vessels.

Florence, Dec. 11. On the 2d and 3d Instant great Part of this City was overflowed by the Arno. The 4th and 5th the Inundation began to decrease. The Damage the Waters have done are reckoned considerable, especially in the Country, having wash'd away on the Plains near the River, all the Corn that was sown, so that in those Grounds no Crop is expected this next Year; on which Account the Government has caused a great Quantity to be purchased at Leghorn to be laid up in Store. The Government has likewise published a Notification, that if any Body, of whatsoever Rank, shall take the Advantage of the present Conjuncture, and increase the Price of their Corn and Wine, on Complaints being made to the Fiscal, they shall be punished according to the Orders he has received from the Regency.

Hague, Dec. 23. The States of Holland separated to Day, having first authorized Unanimously their Deputies in the Generality to recommend and assent to, on the Part of this Province, a further Addition of Ten thousand Men to the Troops of the Republick; as well as to declare this Province's Resolution and Readiness to pay immediately into the Treasury of the Union, its Quota of some former Estimates relating to the Fortifications and Magazines.

Whitehall, December 22.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant unto George Caswall, Esq; the Office of Inspector of the Out-Port Collectors Accounts within England, Wales and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, in the room of John Gould, Esq; deceased.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant unto George Tucker, Esq; the Offices or Places of Secretary and Provost Marshal General of his Majesty's Islands of Bermuda, otherwise Summer Islands, in America.

His Majesty has been pleased to grant unto William Rawlinson Earle, Esq; the Office of Clerk of his Majesty's Ordnance within Great Britain, in the room of Leonard Smelt, Esq; deceased.